

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2004

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CHAIRMAN: KEN ALLEN

VICE CHAIRMAN : MARION WRIGHT

ADMINISTRATOR: ANNA H. CATON

ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN W. MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
DISTRICT 3 - VACANT, CORRIE H. PLATO,
* DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Anthony Woods, Recreation Director made a brief presentation. Mr. Woods passed out literature and updated Council on the programs which the Recreation Department is currently involved in and its goals.

Mr. Mark Heath, Probate Judge made a brief presentation addressing the "Cost of Living Increase". He made reference to SC State Code 8-21765 which Mr. Heath interprets that a Probate Judge is entitled to the same increases in salary as other county employees. He asked Council to approve the Cost of Living increase for all elected officials. He invited Council Members to stop by his office and see what he has done to improve his office and to promote more revenue for the county. He thanked Council for letting him appear before them.

Ms. Delorice Cox, Treasurer thanked Council for letting her speak. She discussed issues concerning the "Cost of Living Increase" and Insurance issues she had. She stated that she would like to be treated like all the County employees.

Gene Moore, Auditor addressed an issue he had concerning Insurance Benefits and whether or not he had retirement benefits through the County. He was advised that he would have retirement on the portion of his salary that the County pays and that his payroll stub would show where retirement benefits were being deducted. Mr. Moore also made reference to a rumor that a new employee had been hired in another department making more than the two employees in his office. Mr. Moore also had concerns on completion of work in his office and not having enough space available in his office.

Mr. William Funderburk, Clerk of Court advised that he had a few questions for Council. Mr. Allen, Chairman to Council advised Mr. Funderburk that this was not a question and answer session. He advised that if Mr. Funderburk had a presentation or would like to air his views, Council would be pleased to listen. Mr. Funderburk stated that he wanted answers within the next few weeks in which Mr. Allen replied that Mrs. Caton would respond to his questions. Mr. Funderburk made a statement he was "Not requesting Salary Adjustments". Mr. Funderburk did not ask any questions for Mrs. Caton to respond to.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 6, 2004 AND MAY 13, 2004

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the minutes of May 6, 2004. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the minutes of May 13, 2004. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 583 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005, AND TO LEVY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES.

No comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Public Safety Committee Report was presented by Mr. Marion Wright. He stated that the Public Safety Committee met in reference to the volunteer rescue squads. He said the committee spoke with all the squads and looked at each squad's audit. He stated that the committee recommended that the allocations for each rescue squad be dropped to \$4000 a Quarter for a

total allocation of \$16,000 a year per squad. The committee felt that this was an amount that would allow each squad to continue operations.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to drop the allocation to \$4000 a Quarter for a total of \$16,000 a year per rescue squad. Vote in favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, Ms. Corrie Plato. Opposed: Mr. Edmond Blue. Vote: 5/1. Motion Carried.

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Discussed in Public Hearing

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright approving the third reading of Ordinance # 583 with the amendment to the allocation to the rescue squads as approved by vote – An Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, and to levy Ad Valorem Property Taxes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 584 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN MARLBORO COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – FIRST READING

Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney briefly discussed.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the first reading of Ordinance # 584 – An Ordinance to amend the agreement for development of Multi-County Industrial and Business Park by and between Darling County and Marlboro County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park so as to include additional property in Marlboro County as part of the joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 585 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO

COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS LESSOR, AND J.L. ANDERSON CO., INC. D/B/A PALMETTO BRICK COMPANY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES. FIRST READING.

Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney explained this was only first reading – there would be a few changes before final reading.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the first reading of Ordinance # 585 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of Tax agreement between Marlboro County, South Carolina, as Lessor, and J.L. Anderson Co., Inc. D/B/A Palmetto Brick Company; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee in lieu of taxes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BIDS – VARIOUS SUPPLIES

Mrs. Anna Caton, County Administrator advised of the Bid recommendations made by Staff. The recommendations made included: Office Supplies – Split between Hamilton, Herald and Boise as noted on bid sheets given to Council, Pest Control – Taylor Pest Control, Gas & Diesel – Preston Moore Oil Company, Janitorial Service – Split between Barker, Hyman, Sunbelt, Genco, & Momar as noted on attached sheets, and Hygiene Products – Bob Barker (Only bid received). Mrs. Caton advised that we have requested two other bids – Food Services and Medical Services for the Detention Center are being reviewed for possible Outsourcing. Bid proposals should be received by next week and will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee to determine if we would rather outsource these services or provide these services ourselves.

Motion made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving acceptance of bids as recommended by staff. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR YEAR-END PURPOSES.

Discussed previously in Worksession. Mrs. Caton explained the need for the transfers and noted the total for the authorized budget remained the same. Interdepartmental transfers are required to be approved by Council.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the the 2003 - 2004 Interdepartmental transfer requests for Year-end purposes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright appointing Ms. Rena Parker, Human Resource Manager of Musashi to the Workforce Investment Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean to enter Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to close the Executive Session and enter back into the Public Session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Ken Allen, Council Chairman advised that no decisions had been made; no votes had been taken in Executive Session.

REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – ANNA H. CATON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Caton advised that expenditures are at 86%.

Mrs. Caton updated Council on the Tabletop drill and the drill performed at the Local High School. .

She advised Council that the Command Center purchased through the Homeland Security Grant had been used during the drill. She advised she would arrange for the Command Center to be available on site for Council Members to view on the next Council meeting date.

Mrs. Caton advised that the City of Bennettsville is applying for an Opportunity Grant from the S.C. Department of Commerce. One of the requirements of the grant which is under the rural infrastructure fund of the Department of Commerce is the grant funds would pass through the County. They are planning to include one of the County's projects – the New Library Project. She will keep Council apprised of how the project progresses.

Mrs. Caton requested permission to reject the 911 Reverse bids due to reoccurring costs involved with this purchase that the County has not budgeted. She requests permission to revert back to the original request for a radio console which was requested initially in the 2003 Homeland Security Grant. Our new 911 Director has information that will allow us to purchase and install prior to the grant close-out period.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick authorizing the rejection of all Reverse 911 Software bids and granting permission to revert back to the original radio console requested in the Homeland Security Grant. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Caton advised that along with the aerial photos that have been taken of the County we have staff working on digitizing our tax maps in the Tax Assessor's office on the computer. We have a borrowed computer from USC, which will need to be returned at some point. She requested permission to use CIP Improvement Funds in the amount of \$13,000 to purchase a computer, software and plotter which will be used to continue digitizing the parcels and give the county the ability to print the documents.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright authorizing the use of CIP Improvement Funds to purchase a computer, software and plotter for the Tax Assessor's office for the automation of tax maps. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Caton advised that Personnel Policies will be updated in July based on recommendations received from our Labor Attorney's office clarifying the employment at will status. This is the only change currently expected.

Mrs. Caton requested permission from Council to proceed with working with the State Information Office in developing the County Website. She advised that we currently do not have a website – a few offices have individual sites. Mrs. Caton advised links will be made available to other useful websites in the county. No Council Members had any objections to proceeding when questioned by Chairman Allen.

Mrs. Caton advised that the Bid Proposals for Outsourcing Medical and Food Services for the Detention Center, removal & relocation of the sundial and painting the Courthouse Exterior should be received by next week. Based on prior discussion with Council the Public Safety Committee is to review with Staff the bids for Medical & food services. Recommendations would be expected to be made at the July Council meeting. Council was in agreement.

DHEC has passed new guidelines regarding letters of consistency with Solid Waste Management Plans. The County may need to update its plan since DHEC will be making the determinations of Consistency rather than the counties.

She advised that under the 8-hour ozone program counties are expected to reduce pollution. Staff has recommended no idling of county vehicles as a start on reducing air pollution.

Mrs. Caton advised that the Family Fun Day has been cancelled due to the weather forecast. The committee expects to reschedule the event.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST

Tiffany Hicks of the Edgefield Lane Community made a request to have a road paved. She was advised by the Chairman that the County does not pave roads. We would be glad to forward her information on to the County Highway Commissioner.

Albert Garner also made a request to have Sawyer Street paved. He advised that Sawyer Street is off of Railroad Avenue and that we have been placing Crush and Run on the Road. He was told that his information would also be forwarded to the County Highway Commissioner.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mrs. Jean McLean stated that she had another request for paving a road – Roosevelt Avenue. Her request was also turned into to Mrs. Caton.

Mrs. Jean McLean advised that she has written a grant for possible funds for helping provide Water in the Wallace community.

Mr. Ken Allen, Chairman advised that all of the requests for paving of roads would be sent to the County Highway Commissioner with our recommendations. Mr. Jeff Quick asked if we could set a meeting up between Mr. Ronnie Crow and the citizens concerning paving the roads so he can explain the procedures to them. Mr. Ken Allen requested that Mrs. Anna Caton take care of this.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were adopted July 8, 2004.

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council